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Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: February 1, 2002

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated November 2, 2001 for 1 month from January 2, 2002 to February 2, 2002.

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